

# R E P O R T

## TO THE 8<sup>th</sup> MINISTERIAL COUNCIL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY TASK FORCE AND ITS MANDATE

### I. BACKGROUND AND SCOPE OF THE REPORT

Based on the Treaty establishing the Energy Community (Article 35) and following the concrete decision by the Ministerial Council of December 2007, the Energy Efficiency Task Force (EETF) was created and became effective upon the adoption of its mandate and election of its Chair<sup>1</sup>.

At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Task Force mandate, the Chair presented an implementation report at the 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Council meeting in June 2009, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Work Programme achievements.

Based on this, the Ministerial Council noted the good work performed by the Energy Efficiency Task Force and thanked the Donors' Community for their support to the realization of the Task Force's Work Programme.

The Ministerial Council agreed to extend the mandate of the Task Force till the end of 2010<sup>2</sup>, with the following scope of activities:

- Finalization of the National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs);
- Start of implementation and monitoring of the NEEAPs;
- Implementation of the Awareness Raising Campaign;
- Preparation of a Road Map for transposition and implementation of the Energy End-use Directives.

The EETF - following its mandate - is expected to periodically report on the progress with the realisation of its Work Programme.

Within the period of its two mandates, the EETF had nine meetings all together up to the date of this report, with one meeting to be organized in November 2010. This report, however, intends to provide the overall information for the performance of the Energy Efficiency Task Force within the second mandate and its Work Programme 2009-2010. It also puts some emphasis on the importance of the EETF future work with regard to the transposition and implementation in the Energy Community of the Energy Efficiency Directives as adopted by the Ministerial Council in December 2009.<sup>3</sup>

### II. THE 2<sup>nd</sup> WORK PROGRAMME - SUMMARY INFORMATION

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Work Programme of the Task Force (Annex1) entailed in particular four tasks.

#### **Task 1: Finalisation of the 1<sup>st</sup> National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs)**

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<sup>1</sup> See Conclusion 11 - Ministerial Council meeting, 18.12.2007.

<sup>2</sup> See Conclusion 9 - Ministerial Council meeting, 26.06.2009.

<sup>3</sup> Ministerial Council Decision D/2009/05/MC-EnC of 18th December 2009 on the implementation of certain Directives on Energy Efficiency

A First (draft) NEEAPs were prepared and submitted to the Secretariat by the Contracting parties' EETF members (with exception of the Bosnia and Herzegovina and Moldova), in accordance with the EETF 2<sup>nd</sup> Work Programme. The preparation of NEEAPs have benefited from the technical assistance of the EU funded projects, USAID/SYNENERGY programme and of the GTZ Open Regional Fund - Energy.

The Secretariat commented on the draft versions of the NEEAPs and prepared extensive preliminary assessments for each submitted draft NEEAPs, so that the final versions would fully comply with the requirements of the Directive 2006/32/EC<sup>4</sup>. Final NEEAPs were submitted by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and UNMIK in line with defined Directive's deadline of 30 June 2010. In the case of Croatia, 1st NEEAP was prepared in advance and adopted by the Government in April 2010. For Albania and Serbia process of finalisation will be finished soon, and for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Moldova there is a plan to finalise work on NEEAPs by the end of 2010.

## **Task 2: Monitoring of the Implementation of the NEEAPs**

After NEEAPs finalization, the Secretariat and the Task Force undertook some activities for supporting their implementation, including also those related to monitoring and verification of the energy savings achieved.

At the 9<sup>th</sup> EETF meeting held in June 2010, EETF discussed the monitoring methodology based on the model proposed by Croatia, and agreed to consider using the same approach in their individual cases. The Task Force proposed that the monitoring process should be developed in two steps: in short term, starting with a simple monitoring of the energy efficiency programmes (a template will be developed and used for reporting by the Contracting Parties - by 15 October); in the second step, a detailed monitoring system for specific energy efficiency measures (in accordance with the requirements of the Directive 2006/32/EC, as well as the EU methodology for top-down and bottom-up approaches) will be developed.

## **Task 3: Preparation of a Road map for the implementation of the Directive 2006/32/EC, Directive 2002/91/EC and Directive 92/75/EEC and the associated implementing Directives**

This task is closely related to the Ministerial Council Decision No. 2009/05/MC-EnC of 18 December 2009 on the implementation of certain Directives on end use energy efficiency, namely:

- Directive 2006/32/EC on energy end-use efficiency and energy services;
- Directive 2002/91/EC on the energy performance of buildings and
- Directive 92/75/EEC and the implementing Directives on the indication by labeling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by household appliances.

In order to facilitate the process on well-timed transposition and implementation of above directives, the Contracting Parties' Energy Efficiency Task Force members (with exception of the Bosnia and Herzegovina and Moldova) prepared Road maps in the 2nd quarter of 2010, which gives confidence that the transposition and the implementation is progressing and will be monitored and reported to the Secretariat regularly. The Secretariat supported this process by preparing a Template for Road maps, as well as reviewing the draft Road maps; furthermore, the Secretariat assisted the Contracting Parties with recommendations on how to improve the Roadmaps in order to be in compliance with the Directives. Finally, at the 9th EETF meeting held in June 2010, the Task Leader presented a draft Summary Report on the Roadmaps for the implementation of the energy efficiency directives, which summarizes the findings and formulated some recommendations. The final Report will be published on the Energy Community web site.

## **Task 4: Implementation of the Communication and Awareness Raising Campaign**

This task is building upon the Task 4 of the previous Work programme and adopted Communication and Awareness Raising Campaign plan, based on the model prepared by Croatia. The Plan was presented at the 6th EETF meeting in May 2009, and the Task Force members have agreed to use this as a basis.

At the 8th EETF meeting in February 2010 all Contracting Parties presented mid- term results on implementation of their individual Communication and Awareness Raising Campaigns. There is still work

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<sup>4</sup> Directive 2006/32/EC on energy end-use efficiency and energy services, as adapted through the Council Decision No. 2009/05/MC-EnC on the implementation of certain Directives on end use energy efficiency

in progress and for the next EETF meeting planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010, each Contracting Party will prepare a short report on the status of the Campaign's design and implementation activities.

### **III. NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACQUIS - POSSIBLE ADOPTION BY THE ENERGY COMMUNITY**

The European Parliament and the Council of the European Union adopted in May 2010 the following pieces of the energy efficiency legislation:

- Directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings<sup>5</sup>, recasting and repealing Directive 2002/91/EC, and
- Directive 2010/30/EU on the indication by labelling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by energy-related products<sup>6</sup>, recasting and repealing Directive 92/75/EEC.

Both directives were adopted in order to strengthen the relevant requirements and to clarify and streamline some of its provisions. New energy efficiency legislation will help consumers to cut their energy bills and the EU as a whole to hit its climate change target of using 20% energy less by 2020.

At its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June, the Energy Efficiency Task Force recalled that Ministerial Council Decision D/2009/05/MC-EnC provides in its Article 2(5) that, in its meeting following the recast of Directive 2002/91, the Ministerial Council shall take a decision on its adoption within the Energy Community, which is September's meeting. The opportunity of extending such decision also to Directive 92/75/EEC was discussed and agreed.

The Task Force also expressed the opinion that, in the context of adopting the recast directives, as well as for the successful implementation of the NEEAPs, the extension of its mandate would be welcomed.

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<sup>5</sup> Directive 2010/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 2010 on the energy performance of buildings (OJ L 153/13, 18.06.2010)

<sup>6</sup> Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 2010 on the indication by labelling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by energy-related products (OJ L 153/1, 18.06.2010)

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

The first mandate of the Energy Efficiency Task Force had as main aim the preparation of the basis for enlarging the scope of the Treaty to include energy efficiency. With the second mandate, the Task Force entered into the implementation phase that is exceptionally challenging.

Based on the achievements reported above, the Task Force is on the right way to fully accomplish its second mandate and Work programme in the envisaged time frame (by the end 2010), setting the scene for further developments of energy efficiency in the Contracting Parties.

Still, even with the current progress registered in many Contracting Parties, significant implementation challenges are laying ahead to the all stakeholders in the Contracting Parties. One of the indicators, is level of the preparation of the primary and secondary legislation: Croatia is the most advanced, followed by Montenegro and Moldova that recently adopted Energy Efficiency Laws; Albania, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and UNMIK have laws in advance preparation phase, that are expecting to transpose the Directives; in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the progress is not yet visible.

In order to sustain the progress in the Energy Community and to successfully follow the very dynamic trend in the European Union in the area of energy efficiency, regional cooperation is of great importance. The work of the Energy Efficiency Task Force follows this concept and represents an added value and a strong basis for the fulfilment of very demanding tasks in the area of energy efficiency in the Energy Community.

The possible extension of the Energy Efficiency Task Force mandate for 2011 should be considered as very important and useful, with its work focussing especially on the following areas:

- Implementation of the 1st National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs), with the emphasis on the promotion of the exemplary role of the Public Sector and the creation of the market for energy services;
- Development of the monitoring and verification system and reporting on NEEAPs, in the framework of Directive 2006/32/EC: including the development of the energy data gathering and reporting system, setting up energy efficiency indicators, the use of the EU harmonised (top-down and bottom-up) measurement and verification methods;
- Monitoring the progress in each Contracting Party based on the Road maps for the implementation of the energy efficiency directives, with the emphasis on the development of the harmonized approach to the development of energy efficiency codes and technical standards; secondary legislation; a common methodology for calculating the energy performance of buildings, as well as the cost – optimal methodology for nearly zero energy buildings, introduction of the energy labelling scheme etc.

Possible adjustment of the roadmaps in accordance with the new requirements from the recast directives will be also considered.

- Capacity building for the directives' implementation requirements, as well as for using the available regional energy efficiency support mechanisms.

## ENERGY EFFICIENT TASK FORCE

### 2<sup>nd</sup> WORK PROGRAMME, 2009 - 2010

#### **I. ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE TASK FORCE MANDATE**

I	II	III	IV	V	VII
No.	TASK	DEADLINE	ACTIVITY	DELIVERABLE	REMARKS
1.	Finalisation of the 1 <sup>st</sup> National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs)	31 December 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each Contracting Party will prepare a final, 1<sup>st</sup> NEEAP, based on the preparatory work undertaken in the first Task Force mandate;</li> <li>- These will be sent to the Energy Community Secretariat, which will review them</li> <li>- The Task Force Chair will report to the PHLG meeting in March about the completion of the Task 1</li> </ul>	- 1 <sup>st</sup> NEEAPs	<p>The NEEAPs will be prepared with the technical assistance of the SYNERGY programme funded by USAID and the Hellenic Aid/CRES and of the Regional Open Fund – Energy, funded by GTZ</p> <p>Task leader: Mr. Krassimir Naidenov Stoyanov, Bulgaria</p>

2.	Monitoring of the Implementation of the NEEAPs	15 October 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prepare a monitoring tool for NEEAP implementation;</li> <li>- Identify progress with measures, projects and programmes that are on - going or new and will contribute to achieving the NEEAPs targets.</li> </ul>	<p>Template for monitoring the NEEAP implementation by 1 June 2010</p> <p>Implementation reports prepared by the Task Force members by 15 October 2010</p>	Task leader: Mr. Krassimir Naidenov Stoyanov, Bulgaria
3.	Preparation of a Road map for the implementation of the Directive 2006/32/EC Directive 2002/91/EC Directive 92/75/EEC and the associated implementing Directives	15 April 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Road map template will be prepared by 10 November 2009 and agreed with the TF members;</li> <li>- Each Contracting Party will prepare its own Road Map based on the Template by 15 April 2010.</li> </ul>	<p>Road Map template</p> <p>Road Maps of each Contracting Party</p> <p>Summary Report on the Road Maps</p>	<p>The summary report will be prepared by the Task Leader</p> <p>Task leader: Mrs. Antonela Solujic, Serbia</p>
4.	Implementation of the Communication and Awareness Raising Campaign plan	3 November 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brochures, media spots, meetings, training seminars, etc.</li> </ul>	Campaign	<p>Each TF member will prepare a short report with the Campaign Plan and implementation activities</p> <p>Task leader: Mr. Bozidar Pavlovic, Montenegro</p>

## **II. PARTICIPATION TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY EVENTS**

1. Active participation in the Energy Efficiency Task Force meeting.
2. Active contribution to the Agenda and speakers to the energy efficiency related events organised by the Energy Community.
3. Participation with presentations on the Task Force's work and reports to the PHLG meetings.